

CITY OF PATERSON



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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May 11, 2012

Ms. Kathleen Caren, Open Space Coordinator
Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee
Passaic County Planning Department
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 250
Totowa, NJ 07512

Re: City of Paterson-Open Space Projects

Dear Ms. Caren:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 28, 2012 requesting a status report on the City of Paterson's Open Space projects. Per your request, I am remitting said status report via this letter.

Overlook Park NPS
Original Grant Year: 2004
Original Grant Amount: \$150,000
Unexpended Grant Amount: \$143,058.64
Has the project been completed? No

Olmsted Center (Boston) providing assistance to NPS
6-8 wks -> out to bid
complete 6/30/13

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes
Status report: The City of Paterson is working with the National Park Service to decide on a coordinated plan to address upgrades to Overlook Park.

Mary Ellen Kramer Park NPS
Original Grant Year(s): 2004/ 2005/2006/2008
Original Grant Amount(s): \$125,000/ \$125,000/\$50,000/\$95,000
Unexpended Grant Amount(s):\$78,756/\$125,000/ \$50,000/ \$95,000
Has the project been completed? No

has Green Acres match

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes
Status report: Although this project was awarded to the City of Paterson in 2008, we are in the process of finalizing a contract with the Passaic River Coalition, so that this project can be started. Due to staffing levels and availability, the Law Department had been unable to commence work on the Passaic River Coalition's contract until recently. A draft contract has been prepared and forwarded to the Passaic River Coalition for their review. It is my understanding that the Passaic River Coalition plans to forward their comments to the Law Department by Friday, May 11, 2012. The goal is for work to commence on this project by June

30, 2012. A schedule, which was provided by the architect, Tim Marshall, for the Mary Ellen Kramer Park project is attached for your review.

Grace Buckley Park

Original Grant Year(s): 2005

Original Grant Amount(s): \$55,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s): \$5,350 ✓

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

end of summer

Status report: The City of Paterson is in the process of expended the balance of the funds for improvements identified in the grant.

West Side Park

Original Grant Year(s): 2006

Original Grant Amount(s): \$62,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s): \$14,535.70

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

Status report: The balance of the funds will be combined with the 2009 funding allocated for the Westside Park Tennis Courts project.

Raceways Investigation NPS

Original Grant Year(s): 2008

Original Grant Amount(s): \$45,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s): \$45,000

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

Status report: Although this project was awarded to the City of Paterson in 2008, we are in the process of finalizing a contract with the Passaic River Coalition, so that this project can be started. Due to staffing levels and availability, the Law Department had been unable to commence work on the Passaic River Coalition's contract until recently. A draft contract has been prepared and forwarded to the Passaic River Coalition for their review. It is my understanding that the Passaic River Coalition plans to forward their comments to the Law Department by Friday, May 11, 2012. The goal is for work to commence on this project by June 30, 2012.

Overlook Amphitheater NPS

Original Grant Year(s): 2008

Original Grant Amount(s): \$45,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s): \$45,000

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

Status report: The City of Paterson is working with the National Park Service to decide on a coordinated plan to address upgrades to Overlook Park and its Amphitheater.

Federici Park

Original Grant Year(s): 2009

Original Grant Amount(s): \$20,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s):\$20,000

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

Status report: The balance of the funds is being used for the purchase of fencing around the park. The Division of Purchasing is processing the paperwork for said purchase.

bid almost out

Wrigley Park

Original Grant Year(s): 2009

Original Grant Amount(s): \$97,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s):\$824.12 ✓

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

Status report: A drawdown and the documentation for such has been submitted to Kathleen Caren on April 18, 2012, which left a balance of \$824.12. The balance of funds will be utilized for rubber mulch.

West Side Park Tennis Courts

Original Grant Year(s): 2009

Original Grant Amount(s): \$57,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s):\$57,000 ✓

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

Status report: The funds allocated for this project was not sufficient to complete the rehabilitation of the tennis courts. The City of Paterson is seeking alternative funding sources to secure the required funds to complete the project.

bid does being worked on now

Raceways Investigation and Design *NPS*

Original Grant Year(s): 2010

Original Grant Amount(s): \$500,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s):\$500,000

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

Status report: The City of Paterson was awarded this project one year ago. We are in the process of finalizing a contract with the Passaic River Coalition, so that this project can be started. Due to staffing levels and availability, the Law Department had been unable to commence work on the Passaic River Coalition's contract until recently. A draft contract has been prepared and forwarded to the Passaic River Coalition for their review. It is my understanding that the Passaic River Coalition plans to forward their comments to the Law Department by Friday, May 11, 2012. The goal is for work to commence on this project by June 30, 2012.

has match from Fed earmark

Passaic River Waterfront Plan

Original Grant Year(s): 2010

Original Grant Amount(s): \$30,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s): \$30,000

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

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study end of June 30, 2012

Analysis of Pocket Parks

Original Grant Year(s): 2010

Original Grant Amount(s): \$30,000

Unexpended Grant Amount(s): \$30,000

Has the project been completed? No

Does the municipality consider the project still active? Yes

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*propose equipment purchase?
with balance after city employee
hours (?) - brochure (after formalizing
study)*

In regards to the Open Space Trust Fund statement that must be inserted into the City of Paterson's tax letter/bill, the City of Paterson is aware of this requirement. In 2010, the City of Paterson did include the statement in its final tax letter/bill. I have attached a copy of the 2010 final tax letter/bill for your review, which should serve as the city of Paterson's written notification of compliance. As for 2011, the compliance statement was not included in the final tax bill. This was an oversight by the City of Paterson, which will be corrected for 2012. I have provided the compliance statement to the Division of Information Technology, as well as the Finance Department for inclusion in the 2012 final tax bill/letter.

If you require any additional information about the City of Paterson's Open Space Trust Fund projects, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Lanisha D. Makle
Director

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Schedule for Mary Ellen Kramer Park

Task	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Project Kick-Off						
Updated Site Survey						
Design Development						
Approval of DD Drawings						
Construction Drawings						
Submit Bid Documents						
Bidding						
Bid Award						
Construction						
					Through Late Spring of 2013	